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BOGUS DRY AGENTS GET INDICTMENT

Six Charged by Robert Arnold With Impersonating Government Officers

JURY IS IN SESSION

Twelve Others Indicted at Morning Session of January Term of U. S. Court—Grand Jury in Session This Afternoon.

The January term of the United States Court for the Eastern district of Virginia, Judge D. Lawrence Grover, presiding convened this morning with both grand and petit juries in session. The docket is a long one and the grand jury is engaged in the consideration of a large number of cases, including many for violating the provisions of the federal prohibition law. Several cases are also scheduled for trial at this term before the petit jury.

The grand jury is composed of Robert Abel, C. R. Andrews, W. C. Atchison, George R. Bowie, W. B. Farish, John Fisher, W. J. Ford, Henry Garrett, C. E. Hall, E. D. Helm, Everett Hellmuth, C. A. Holloway, C. R. Howard, William H. Rupp, W. A. Rodins, Charles Sale, S. C. Thomas, A. F. Turner, H. B. Watts.

Those on the petit jury are E. M. Curtis, Ervin Diener, E. N. Fritter, J. H. Goulding, F. W. Gwathmey, George E. James, C. M. Jones, E. E. Lawler, Claude M. Lennon, T. A. Livey, S. M. Lomax, Louis W. Metzger, E. D. Michie, J. C. Nels, Harvey Nichols, Mark E. Norris, A. J. Porter, J. S. Purcell, W. C. Ralls, Lindsey Beach, H. S. Rouse, Floyd F. Sale, P. C. Waring, Benedict Weil.

The grand jury early this afternoon returned indictments in the following cases: Carl Arthur Bell, Ralph F. Hitchens, Edgar R. Dempsey, Leo H. Graves, Albert R. Price and Isaac Patrick, for representing themselves as government agents and thereby defrauding. These are the men who were charged by Robert Arnold of New Alexandria with having come to his house the night of July 14. Some of whom are alleged to have represented themselves as federal prohibition agents, and he also claimed he was robbed at the time and carried off in an automobile and dumped in Arlington county.

James Stith Chambliss, violating national prohibition law, Armour & Company, violating meat inspection act, William Herman Walker, embezzlement of postal funds, Jefferson Matthews and Arthur Brown, larceny of property from the government experimental farm; Mrs. E. L. Paul, violating national prohibition act, Robert Lee Rossen charged with soliciting a contribution from a postal employee for political campaign fund; J. T. Jones, Frank Sweetart, James Green, George Markson, conspiracy to defeat the national prohibition act; Joseph Clark, larceny of government property.

The grand jury reassembled this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Several minor cases were taken up and disposed of. Judge Grover at the morning session also fixed dates upon the trial of a number of cases. The petit jury was adjourned over until tomorrow.

CHINESE FLAPPER COMES HOME AGAIN

Washington, Jan. 2.—Mildred Wen, the Chinese girl, who has twice left her prospective husband, George Nuan Lee, waiting at the church, by disappearing mysteriously, was back in her home here today.

She now declares that next spring she will wed young Lee, a son of a wealthy New York Chinese importer, and that she doesn't believe her disappointed suitor is really angry with her.

The girl returned to her home as mysteriously as she disappeared. After being in hiding for nearly a week, she drove up to her home in a taxi.

TANK BURSTS; 3 KILLED

Sharon, Pa., Jan. 2.—Three men were killed and seven injured when an air pressure tank weighing 160 pounds, collapsed at the plant of the Petroleum Iron Works, Petroleum, Ohio, two miles southwest of here today. The men were repairing the tank. The injured were moved to hospitals here. Herbert Victor of Hubbard, Ohio, was severely crushed and it is believed he will die.

Bible Thought for Today

For thou art my rock and my fortification.—Psalm 71: 3.
Be thou my strong habitation, whereunto I may continually resort: thou hast given commandment to save

May or May Not Barleycorn Ride?

Washington, Jan. 2.—A great legal battle to determine whether John Barleycorn can be a passenger on American vessels, wherever they may be, was on in the United States Supreme Court today.

Shipping interests, both foreign and American, have joined in an attack on the Daugherty ruling which bans liquor from American ships throughout the world and from foreign vessels in American territorial waters. The court today hears arguments on the appeal against the ruling, and probably will announce its decision within a month.

The case against sea-going liquor will be in the hands of a woman, Mrs. Mabel Walker Wilebrandt, assistant attorney general in charge of prohibition cases was to make the principal argument for the government. She will be opposed by Attorney General Wickersham.

DECIDING DAYS ARE NOW ON

Race For Auto and Cash Prizes Getting Keener—Only Four More Days of BIG VOTES

Lining up for the most important part of the Gazette's \$4,000,000 automobile and cash prize campaign, the race is getting keener and faster.

The candidates have rolled up their sleeves, determined to make these last few BIG VOTE days count in big shape. They are going after the subscriptions with a vengeance because subscriptions mean votes and votes will win a \$1,765,000 car, a \$597,000 Chevrolet and several hundreds of dollars in cash awards in a very short time.

Just four more days and the BIG VOTES will all be over and these are the deciding days that will, with out doubt, determine who the big prize winners will be.

Someone, this week, will "cinch" the big prize.

The long term subscriptions will doubtless be the most important factor in determining the winners.

Now is the time to get the subscriptions—the time to turn subscription promises into votes.

It's a close race but no one has done enough to brag about. These two fine cars and all the other prizes are far from being won and no one has a lead that cannot easily be overcome with a little judicious effort.

This is the week to do your big things.

Big things must be done by these who expect to be successful when the winners are announced.

WIFE IS HELD IN TEXAS CASE

Mrs. Lillian Knox, Lumber Queen, Killed Multimillionaire Husband—Is Charge State Makes

Beaumont, Texas, Jan. 2.—Mrs. Lillian Knox, "lumber queen," and the "Lady Bountiful" of South Texas, faced in silence charges of murdering her multimillionaire husband, in jail here today.

The state, cloaking its move in the case in mystery is expected to reveal its evidence against her tomorrow when her preliminary hearing is scheduled to be held.

The arrest of Mrs. Knox caused a sensation throughout Texas. Her husband, whose wealth was estimated at about \$10,000,000 was found dead in bed with a bullet wound in his head. Authorities at the time said a communication to his mother, Mrs. William M. Knox, said he had decided to "end it all."

Two shots were heard by Mrs. Knox and her sister on the fatal night, Mrs. Knox told police, and rushing to the room, they declared they found him dying.

Mrs. Knox was arrested just after she returned to her home in Hempstead from Beaumont, where she was entertained by socially prominent families. She went to jail refusing to make a statement. Neither she or her friends made any attempt to secure liberty on bond.

Her only move was to retain J. W. Minton and Steve King, attorneys to handle her case tomorrow.

Mrs. Knox won the titles of "Lumber Queen" and "Lady Bountiful" for her active participation in lumber interests, her welfare work among the poor and her activities in the interest of neighbors.

She actively managed her sawmills at Hempstead and East Mayfield, directing the working of logs, paying off her own men and also managed retail yards at Mission. When larger lines by a refusal to build a spur into Hempstead threatened to stifle the community's growth, she constructed the bronson nad Hempstead railroad.

She gave lavishly to her neighbors and charity, bringing in entertainers and amusements for carnival employes.

She often slushed about the muddy logging town streets to minister the sick among her work-

WAR IN EAST MAY ALREADY HAVE STARTED

No Official Reports Are Had But Word Indicates Hostility

BRITISH LEAVING ZONE

England Decides to Entirely Disregard Threats of Angora and Refuses to Make Any Concessions to Turks.

London, January 2.—War in the near east, feared as a result of the breakdown of the Lausanne conference, may already have begun, according to reports reaching London today.

No official word of actual hostilities has been received, but various dispatches reported a revolt in the Mosul Vilayet, where Kurds and Turkish tribes were said to have burned British airplane hangars. Mosul is the second most important British air base in Mesopotamia. The Daily Mail today said such an uprising against the British was reported from Angora, the Turkish nationalist capital.

Officials suggested the reports might be nationalist propaganda, but admitted Mosul was 70 miles from the nearest rail head and that official confirmation might be slow in arriving.

British nationals and Maltese who have been living in Constantinople are hastily evacuating the former Turkish capital. Nearly 2000 departed for Malta on New Year's Day, and all others have been ordered out as a precautionary measure.

Other reports from Angora declared the Kemalists were agitated over the situation at Lausanne and had adopted a more aggressive attitude than ever. The Angora assembly was to hear a report from Ismet Pasha today, which was not expected to ease the bitter tension.

Britain strengthened her Mediterranean fleet over the week end.

Make No Concessions

Paris, Jan. 2.—Despite threats of war, reported uprisings in Mesopotamia and defiance of the Angora government, Great Britain today determined to make no concessions to Turkish demands regarding Mosul and the Straits.

Marquis Curzon returned to Lausanne at noon carrying Bonar Law's authorization for a firm "No" to all demands presented at the Lausanne parley by Ismet Pasha, which the British delegate previously had rejected. The Turkish threats of war are to be met without the least sign of conciliation, it was stated in British circles following a conference between Bonar Law, Curzon and their advisers here this morning.

SAVES LITTLE PLAYMATE

Bath, N. Y., Jan. 2.—Polly Moose, six, threw her scarf to Ruth Webb, five, when the latter fell through the ice in Lake Salubria and pulled her playmate to safety.

ACTRESS' FRIENDS MARRY

Paris, Jan. 2.—Friends of Sarah Bernhardt today expressed disquiet over the slowness of the "Divine Tragedienne's" recovery. Physicians once more announced Mme. Bernhardt's condition as "stationary."

THREE MEN DROWN

Delair, N. J., Jan. 2.—Three men were drowned in the Delaware River near here late last night when a small dory overturned. One saved his life by swimming ashore. The drowned were all from Philadelphia.

GERMAN PROPOSAL DEAD

Washington, Jan. 2.—The death of the German proposal for an international pact to preserve the peace of Europe, through a provision calling for national plebiscite before declarations of war, was announced officially today by Secretary of State Hughes.

It was revealed that the United States had presented the proposal informally to the French government, and was informed that "such an arrangement could not be made under the provisions of the French constitution."

A BIG INVESTMENT IDLE

"The government has more than one hundred million dollars already invested in Muscle Shoals. This investment has lain idle since the war," Samuel C. Crowther in McClure's Magazine for January.

HENRY FORD VERSUS WEEKS

"With Muscle Shoals it is plainly a case of development of this great project by Henry Ford, or of its development and operation by the government. I think the farmers prefer Ford to Weeks for this big job," Senator Arthur Capper in the McClure's.

FOUR SCHEMES OF SETTLEMENT ARE AT PARIS

Entente That Won War Meets in Last Great Effort

WOULD TAKE FRUITS

Four Premiers Have as Many Reparations Schemes Approved by Their Respective Governments to Present at Conference Today.

Paris, Jan. 2.—The entente that won the war meets today in what may be its last concerted effort to achieve the fruits of victory.

If France and Britain, with widely divergent plans for securing German reparations payments cannot reach agreement this time, it is believed inevitable that each country will go its own way.

Four schemes for settling the reparations difficulties were ready as premiers of Britain, France, Belgium and Italy gathered at the Quai d'Orsay.

The French cabinet at noon today unanimously approved the program which Premier Poincare was to present late this afternoon.

Premier Bonar Law brought from London a plan approved by the British cabinet, which had as its main points the granting of a moratorium for Germany, and opposition to coercive measures proposed by France.

Poincare, in conference before the premiers parley had its formal opening at 2 p. m., insisted the new French plan was not excessively coercive. France's scheme, which he will advance today or tomorrow, does not include occupation of Rhineland territory but the establishments of a system of allied collection agencies in the vicinity of the Rhur.

Premier Mussolini will once more advance the plan he suggested at London.

The German proposals will be laid before the conference Thursday by Dr. Karl Bergmann, Germany's financial expert now enroute from Berlin. "They include payment of a lump sum about one sixth that originally demanded by the allies, and even such payment is made contingent on an international loan of approximately 20,000,000 gold marks."

France sought to have the conference open in a consiliatory atmosphere, for last night there was nothing but pessimism in the capital, and an end of the entente was freely predicted. In an effort to prevent an early break with Britain, Poincare withdrew from his original determination to force a report of the reparations commission, regarding Germany's default in payments, upon the premiers parley. Great Britain had been unalterably opposed to such a course.

Soldiers in Hospital Presented With Gifts

Budapest, Jan. 2.—The writings of Walt Whitman, Karl Marx and Nikolai Lenin have been excluded from Hungary on the ground that they are of a destructive tendency.

One hundred and five Magyar newspapers printed in Central Europe and the United States have also been debarred. The list includes all papers of this class printed in America except the Amerikai Magyar Nepszava.

Half or Vienna newspapers and many from neighboring states are on the list.

Ex-Kaiser's Statue and Home of Banker Bombed

Halle, Jan. 2.—The home of Herr Lehmann, banker, and the statue of former Kaiser Wilhelm, Bismarck and Von Moltke, were bombed simultaneously last night.

The most damage was done to the statues. Those of Wilhelm and Bismarck were nearly wrecked while that of Von Moltke was totally ruined. Only slight damage was done to Lehmann's house.

The roar that accompanied the simultaneous blasts was heard throughout the city, causing the wildest excitement.

CALLS FOR BANK CONDITION

Washington, Jan. 2.—The comptroller of currency today issued a call for the condition of all national banks as of December 29.

AUTO STOLEN TODAY

An automobile belonging to Russell Woolf was stolen early this morning from in front of a residence on upper King street. Mr. Woolf, according to the police had just gotten out of the machine and gone to a house and as he did not two colored men jumped into the automobile and made off with it. A report of the theft has been made to the police who are endeavoring to trace the machine.

LEAVES \$100,000 IN JEWELS

New York.—Princess Xenia, formerly Mrs. Wm. B. Leeds, fled the Ambassador Hotel where she had left her jewels case in one of its automobiles. Employees found the case containing \$100,000 in gems and rushed it back to her under guard.

HARDING AND HUGHES SAID TO FAVOR PLAN OF 30-YEARS PEACE

(By United Press.) Washington, Jan. 2.—The United States would have been the moral guardian and trustee of the peace of Europe for the next generation under the German proposal for a Peace Pact in the Old World, was learned today.

While both the State Department and the German Embassy continue to maintain silence on the revelation of Chancellor Cuno that Germany had proposed a pact which would provide for referendums on wars, it is declared in other authoritative quarters that President Hughes and Secretary of State Hughes were most favorable to this idea to secure the peace of Europe for the next thirty years.

Had it not been for France's rejection of the proposal, the United States might very probably have become a party to a peace arrangement in Europe similar to the Four-power Pacific Pact. Such models drawn from the Pacific Treaty were suggested by President Harding in his message to Congress, and it is possible the Executive had some such

MINERS' LIVES ARE IN DANGER

Hylan's Committee Reports That Conditions Are Nearly Beyond Conception in Some Instances

New York, Jan. 2.—Living and working conditions in the Berwind-White Coal mines, of Pennsylvania, which supply the interborough rapid transit company with coal are "worse than that of slaves before the civil war," a committee appointed by Mayor Hylan to probe labor conditions reported today.

Women and children were found walking barefoot on the ice in the mining camps, the feet and limbs scarred and bleeding, the report said. "No Egyptian Pharaoh rearing for his glory a towering monument ever drove his slaves harder than these miners are driven," the committee added.

"No czar was more autocratic than these representatives of predatory so-called big business," many miners families were forced to live in hen houses and stables, it was charged; the committee also declared that "once an inner is brought to work in one of the Berwind-White mines he is unable to leave again."

"A proper motto at the entrance of the mines would be 'Abandon hope, all ye who enter here,'" the report continued.

The transit company which the lines supply with coal operates subway and elevated systems in New York. Drafted by David Hirschfeld, city commissioner of accented, the report recommended that the government take over the coal fields and "operate them for the benefit of the people" and declared that only when the city of New York takes over and operates "these transit lines for the benefit of the people will the city be in a position to purchase coal from operators who pay their employees a living wage and treat them like human beings."

STATE WITNESS IS KIDNAPPED

Secret Service Agents Redouble Efforts to Clear Up Hooded Mob Crimes

Mer Rouge, La., Jan. 2.—Federal secret service agents reentered the fight against masked terrorism in Morehouse Parish today following the kidnapping of Harold L. Teegestrom state witness by a hooded mob.

An enlarged detachment of government agents began an intensive manhunt throughout this fear-ridden section for Teegestrom whose evidence is expected to substantiate the charges that T. J. Burnett, former county official, was one of the terrorists responsible for the Daniels-Richards murders.

Teegestrom, bookkeeper at the Carbon plant at Spyker, borrowed a change of clothing and \$40 from a neighbor after being kidnapped by a score of masked men Friday night. He told the farmer he was leaving the community until after the public hearings at Bastrop Friday, authorities learned.

Federal agents were convinced the kidnapping and coercion was done by friends of men involved in the reign of terror.

The Ku Klux Klan held a meeting in the parish last night to discuss the kidnapping and other developments of the investigation it was reported today.

FOREIGN SITUATION WILL CLEAR SOON

Jan. 1.—President Harding and his administration face the New Year with an encouraging outlook for distinct achievement in the field of foreign relations.

With the consent of the United States to participate in efforts for the stabilization of Europe, next year promises even more propitious accomplishment than the year just closed, which was memorable for ratification of the Washington arms conference treaties and the settlement through the offices of this government of the age-old Taana-Arica dispute between Peru and Chile.

The Harding administration is thus far signified by its accomplishments in foreign affairs, which it has achieved by helpful co-operation while pursuing its announced policy of "hands-off."

The failure to record any outstanding advance in domestic affairs is expected to be repeated for the remainder of the year. The Harding regime, in two years of Harding's regime, with the advent of a congress largely dominated by hostile elements.

8 PERSONS INJURED ABOARD DIXIE FLYER

Macon, Ga., Jan. 2.—Eight persons were injured, 2 seriously, when the Dixie Flyer of the Central of Georgia Railroad was derailed near here early today.

A broken rail is believed to have caused the wreck. Seven cars left the track and turned over in the ditch. The train, which runs between Atlanta and Macon, was traveling about 50 miles an hour when the accident occurred.

Four Are Executed; Rebellion Continues

Dublin, Jan. 2.—Four rebels who had been held as hostages for good behavior of the Republicans were executed this morning as a result of continued revolutionary activities.

The four had previously been sentenced to death, but were reprieved, it being announced they would not be executed unless the rebels resumed attacks.

CELEBRATION OF NEW YEAR'S PROVES FATAL

"Bootleg," Auto Accidents and Guns Reap Harvest of Lives

CHICAGO IN LEAD

New Year Starts Fatally in Many Sections—"The Day After the Night Before" in Full Blast all Over Country.

New Year's celebrations, motoring parties and poisoned liquor took a countrywide toll of life over the week end.

Chicago led cities in its death list, 9 being killed in automobile accidents and one shot to death. Eleven persons lost their lives in Ohio as a result of holiday accidents or shootings. In New York two were shot to death, in Detroit 2, in Philadelphia 3, and in Wilmington 1.

Automobile deaths and injuries were numerous, three being killed in this way in Philadelphia, one dying in Chicago. Three were killed in accidents in New York and one in Detroit. Three were drowned boating in New Jersey and one in Detroit, skating.

Poison liquor was held responsible for a score in hospitals in New York and 10 in Chicago while Philadelphia police had warrants for 1,000 arrests.

Automobile casualties led to one death in San Francisco, where another death was due to a fight. Milwaukee's toll was one dead and 26 injured.

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 2.—One accidental injury by fire arms, 46 arrests for minor disturbances and some few thousand headaches comprise the results of Kansas City's quietest New Year.

New York, Jan. 2.—New York began the New Year with two deaths from shooting, 18 persons wounded by fire arms, 127 persons jailed following liquor raids, 23 false alarms of fire, 18 auto crashes and 18 persons admitted to Bellevue hospital suffering from acute alcoholism.

Despite the fact that over 1,000 cafes and restaurants were raided by the dry forces, New York was far from dry and police reported good deal of drunkenness in the streets New Year morn.

Columbus, Ohio, Jan. 2.—Murder, suicide and accidental shooting took a toll of eleven lives in Ohio new years day.

Fifteen stab wounds were found in the decapitated body of Francisco Giamanini, picked up by motorists near Toledo.

Wm. Lowe, a porter, shot Mrs. Bessie Connell to death at the door of her Newark home and then committed suicide by cutting his own throat.

Three roomers, including a 16 year old girl, are held in connection with the slaying of Charles Marquis, shot as he stepped on to the back porch of his rooming house in Akron.

Canton police are holding Joe Fernandez, 28, alleged maniac charged with killing Mrs. Elizabeth Rich, 28 and her three year old son Daniel Fernandez is said to have gone insane during a new years call at the Rich home. He wounded two other members of the Rich family.

John Gibson, 53, Codringtonville Farmer, died of bullet wounds received in a new years brawl.

Earl Perry, 17, son of the Chief of Police of Sandusky was accidentally shot to death while cleaning his father's revolver.

Edward Bennett, 43, Cleveland, drank poison at the dawn of 1923 and died two hours later.

Robert Bradford, 7, accidentally shot and killed his sister Janie May, 9, at Springfield new years night.

Dwight Booth, 9, near Plain City, was shot and killed by his playmate, August Schneider, 11, August thought the gun was not loaded.

Detroit, Mich., Jan. 2.—Three persons are dead today, twelve suffering injuries from automobile accidents and eight are in receiving hospitals, four from acute alcoholism, the toll of the new years celebrations.

One of the dead was a victim of an assassin bullet in a pool room. Another was shot by a policeman in a blind pig fight. The third person drowned while ice-skating.

Philadelphia, Jan. 2.—The New Year was heralded in Philadelphia with three deaths from shooting, and three killed in automobile accidents.

Thirteen persons were wounded by fire arms and eight were injured in 19 auto crashes. Police were busy arrested, more than 1,000 persons for various offenses. Fifty of those arrested were charged with displaying 1922 automobile tags.

Bandits perpetrated eight robberies, holdups and burglaries while the city celebrated.

Dry agents raided two cafes but the evidence was destroyed as a mob charged upon the prohibition enforcers.